

## **INTERFACILITY TRANSPORT TASK FORCE**

### **MEETING**

**FEBRUARY 1, 2006 LITTLETON, NH**

#### Members present:

Dave Dubey, Berlin EMS/ EMS Coord. Board; Clay Odell, NHBEMS; Alisa Butler, DHHS-Rural Health; Kurt Lucas, Littleton Regional Hospital, Jeanne Erickson, Speare Memorial Hospital; Brian Clark, Warren Wentworth Ambulance, Jay Lena, Warren Wentworth Ambulance, Eileen Clark, Warren Wentworth Ambulance, Tim Page, Weeks Medical Center

- Jeanne Erickson reported that Speare Memorial Hospital's grant proposal to conduct a Critical Care EMT-Paramedic course in the Plymouth area was approved. In addition to recruiting participants from the Plymouth area, there will be positions reserved for applicants from other North Country hospital catchment areas.
- Alisa Butler announced that 12 of the 13 Critical Access Hospitals in NH applied for the Rural Collaborative for Health Improvement Program (R-CHIP) grants. Huggins Hospital was the only hospital that didn't apply. Alisa said that all of the hospitals either requested funds to address interfacility transport issues or proposed using all or part of the funds for EMS education.
- The group reviewed the draft of the data collection worksheet that was discussed at the January meeting and was reviewed and modified via email distribution. Clay will incorporate changes recommended in today's review.
- The committee discussed plans for the 2006 Summit. Clay & Alisa volunteered to conduct the legwork for the project. It was decided to look at the Franconia Inn, The Highland Center in Crawford Notch, and the Sunset Hill House in Sugar Hill. The date was targeted at March 29<sup>th</sup> or 30<sup>th</sup>. It was pointed out that a notice should go out as soon as possible.

The topics to present at the Summit were identified and delegated to members of the group. Presentations will include:

- Improved Inter-Agency Cooperation - Clay
- An Improved Method of Determining Ambulance Resources Needed - Chandra
- EMS Crew Resource Sharing – Dave
- Data Collection – Why and How – Jeanne & Kurt
- Update on the Interfacility Transport Provider Exception Program - Clay
- Use of R-CHIP grants in NH for IFT - Alisa

Alisa Butler suggested recruiting a guest speaker to give a national perspective on IFT Challenges. She will look into recruiting someone. The group had some concern that any speaker that was recruited should be expected to be supportive of the initiatives that the NH IFT TF has been working on.

- The next meeting of the Interfacility Transport Task Force will be held on Tuesday March 5, 2006 at Littleton Regional Hospital. PLEASE NOTE A RETURN TO THE USUAL TIME – 10:00 TO NOON.

The Task Force appreciates Littleton Regional Hospital's continuing support for this committee's meetings.